

# Governor Markell celebrates Arbor Day in Dover



Governor Markell helped plant a new American holly tree outside the Department of Agriculture's headquarters as part of Arbor Day observances in Dover today. Gov. Markell also recognized schoolchildren who won the Forest Service's annual poster contest, as well as recognizing the City of Dover for being Delaware's longest-running Tree City USA at 27 years.

Governor Markell joined state officials and members of the General Assembly to honor the winners of the Delaware Forest Service's annual Arbor Day Poster Contest, recognize the City of Dover as the First State's longest-running Tree City USA, and honor Delmarva Power as a Tree Line USA utility and for its volunteer work in underwriting the cost of Arbor Day

observances throughout the state. The Forest Service also thanked the Governor for his continued support during his administration in the areas of forest conservation, open space preservation, urban and community forestry, and its wildland fire program.

Rain Vasey, a fifth-grade student from Water Girl Farm Academy in Lincoln, was honored as the winner of the annual Delaware Forest Service School Poster Contest. She also won the award last year as a fourth-grader. The gallery of winning posters can be seen at <http://delawaretrees.com/2016arbordaypostercontest>

High-resolution images of the ceremony and captions of the photographs are available at <http://delawaretrees.com/2016arbordayceremony>

Other high-resolution photographs can be downloaded at the Department of Agriculture Flickr Page: <https://flic.kr/s/aHskzKxtL2>





(from left) Dover Mayor Robin Christiansen, Rep. David L. Wilson, Secretary of Agriculture Ed Kee, Governor Jack Markell and Rep. Harvey Kenton congratulate state Arbor Day Poster Contest winner Rain Vasey, a fifth-grader at Water Girl Farm Academy in Lincoln.



From left, Dover City Councilman Fred Neil, Grounds Supervisor George Jamar, Public Works Director Sharon Duca, and Dover Mayor Robin Christiansen accept an award recognizing the City of Dover as a Tree City USA for 27 years, the longest run of any municipality in the First State. Congratulating them are Rep. David L. Wilson, Secretary of Agriculture Ed Kee, Governor Jack Markell, and Rep. Harvey Kenton.



Governor Markell accepts a commemorative photo frame and Forest Service hat from Delaware Forest Service trainer-educator Ashley Peebles for his many years of supporting the statewide Arbor Day Poster Contest and observance.





(from left) Michael Krzyzanowski of Delmarva Power receives the Tree Line USA Award joined by Dover Mayor Robin Christiansen, George Vasquez of Asplundh Tree Expert Company, Rep. David L. Wilson, Gov. Jack Markell, Secretary of Agriculture Ed Kee, and Rep. Harvey Kenton.